

Please join us for a ride on county roads to visit local places of interest and end at Dog n Suds in West Lafayette. Allow two hours for driving and stops along the sixty-one-mile route.

Start at Fort Ouiatenon in West Lafayette.

Note: From US 231 and Indiana 25 head north to South River Road (next light) then, turn left. Drive for two and a half miles, the park entrance will be on the left, past the intersection with County Road 300 West.



Wabash River, Fort Ouiatenon

Leaving the park, turn left on South River Road (Division Road).



Downtown, Green Hill

At Green Hill, just before entering the town, turn left onto County Road 1125 East. The

road becomes Independence Road heading west and south to the town of Independence.



Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserve, Independence

The Weiler-Leopold Nature Reserve will be on the left side after a sharp right turn in the road. The nature reserve is located four miles south of Green Hill and three miles east of Independence and is one of the Niches parks. Website: nicheslandtrust.org.



United Baptist Church, Independence

Go through Independence, founded 1832, and turn right on the Independence Pine Village Road (3rd street after stop sign).

Road tees into Indiana 55. Turn right and head into Pine Village. Stay on Indiana 55

and continue to the town of Oxford (30 mi, 46 min). Oxford was home to Dan Patch.

Dan Patch was a famous horse, setting the world’s record for the fastest mile by a harness horse (1m: 55s) during a time trial in 1906. The record stood unmatched for 32 years!



Dan Patch Barn, Oxford

Stay on Indiana 55 and continue through Oxford. Stop at the town square for fifteen minutes to stretch legs and allow for restroom stops. Continue east and north on Indiana 55. Carefully cross US 52 and go by Benton Central High School. Then, head east on County Road 300 South.



Timmons Cemetery Marker, Atkinson

Stop by Timmons cemetery near 9351 East 300 South. Timmons settled by Big Pine Creek in 1831.

Continue on County Road 300 South. Turn right on County Road 1200 West (County Line Road) and head to Otterbein.



Dugout Restaurant, Otterbein

Turn left onto US 52, go about one mile then, turn left onto County Road 500 North heading east.

Road crosses US 231 with fast moving traffic, be careful! Continue on County Road 500 North.

Continue to Morehouse Road then, turn right. By the cemetery, turn left onto Kalberer Road and continue east. At Soldiers Home Road turn right.



Sagamore Parkway, West Lafayette

After crossing over Sagamore Parkway, turn left at the stop sign onto Happy Hollow Road then, right onto Chippewa Street.

Turn right onto Navajo Street then, right onto Nighthawk Drive. Left to Dog n Suds.

Notes

Distance	Time	Location
0	2:30	Fort Ouiatenon
7	2:41	Green Hill
16	2:54	Independence
26	3:09	Pine Village
30	3:16	Oxford, 15-minute stop
34	3:39	Atkinson
39	3:48	Timmons Cemetery
47	4:00	Otterbein
54	4:12	Morehouse Road
61	4:24	Dog N Suds

Pine Village Football historical marker in Pine Village reads: “Local team was important Indiana precursor to modern professional football organizations. Clinton Beckett introduced football to Pine Village High School 1898. Town and high school teams played on bottomland, northwest of here, starting local football tradition. Town team, the Villagers, managed by C. J. Shackleton and later by Claire Rhode. Team became “professional” 1915, claiming state and regional championships. Jim Thorpe, All-American, played for Villagers in 1915 Thanksgiving Day game against Purdue All-Stars; Villagers won 29 to 0. Team was a founder of Indiana Football League 1917. Following World War I, the Villagers played intermittently until 1927.” Marker installed 2002.

If you need to use a restroom I suggest stopping at the gas station/Arni’s restaurant in Pine Village at the stop sign in town. Or in Oxford at the Valero gas station past the town square. We will stop at the town square in Oxford for 15 minutes and will wait for everyone before continuing.

There is a new pavement east of Benton Central School to the county line.

Oxford, in Oak Grove Township, has a population of 1,162.

Oxford is Benton County’s first town in 1843.

Home of the first county courthouse, county seat moved to Fowler in 1876.

David S. Heath House, also known as The Green House and Heath-Steele-Gretencord House, is a historic home at 202 West McConnell. It was built in 1908, and is a 2 1/2-story, Queen Anne style frame dwelling. It features a one-story wraparound porch with porte-cochère and projecting gabled bays. Also on the property is a contributing two-story frame carriage house. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

Oxford Chautauqua (started in Chautauqua, New York). 1913-1925. Tickets were \$1-2. Lectures about various subjects.

Oxford Opera House. Built in 1891. High School basketball and tournaments were played here. Seated 300-500 people.

First public school (built before 1872). First teach was Joseph Franklin, grandson of Benjamin Franklin.

In 1831 Thomas Timmons is said to be the first white settler, but there is some dispute.

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Auto Tour

to Oxford



and to

Dog n Suds